

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A fixing member (100; 200; 300; 400; 500) for fixing a dispensing member (3) to an opening (20) of a reservoir (2), said fixing member having means (132; 232; 332; 432; 532) designed to receive the dispensing member, and a substantially cylindrical skirt (110; 210; 310; 410; 510) designed to be engaged in the opening of the reservoir to establish leaktight contact therein, said fixing member being characterized in that the skirt is provided with at least one vent (115; 215; 315; 415; 515) passing through the thickness of the skirt.

2. (original): A fixing member according to claim 1, in which the vent is formed below a larger-diameter top segment (116; 216; 316; 416; 516) designed to come into leaktight tight-fitting contact in the opening.

3. (original): A fixing member according to claim 1, in which the vent is formed at a larger-diameter middle segment (114; 214; 314; 414; 514) designed to come into leaktight tight-fitting contact in the opening.

4. (original): A fixing member according to claim 1, in which the vent is formed above a bottom segment (113; 213; 313; 413; 513) including a larger-diameter portion designed to come into leaktight tight-fitting contact in the opening.

5. (original): A fixing member according to claim 2, in which the top segment (116; 416) forms an outwardly-projecting bead (1161; 4161) designed to flatten in the opening.

6. (original): A fixing member according to claim 4, in which the bottom segment (313; 413) forms an outwardly-projecting bead (3131; 4131) designed to flatten in the opening.

7. (original): A fixing member according to claim 1, in which the skirt forms an abutment flange (117; 217; 317; 417; 517) designed to come into abutting contact with the opening.

8. (original): A fixing member according to claim 2, in which the top segment (416; 516) is provided with at least one vertical groove (4162; 5162) having one end that is designed to communicate with the vent (415; 516) when the top segment is in tight-fitting contact in the opening of the reservoir.

9. (original): A fixing member according to claim 1, in which the vent (315; 515) is formed at a smaller-diameter middle segment (314; 514) designed to remain out of contact with the opening of the reservoir.

10. (original): A fixing member according to claim 1, forming an internal ferrule (160; 260; 360; 460; 560) against which at least one component (33) of the dispensing member (3) is urged elastically in the rest position.

11. (currently amended): A fluid dispenser comprising a reservoir (2), a dispensing member (3), and a fixing member (100; 200; 300; 400; 500) according to Claim 1.

12. (original): A fluid dispenser according to claim 11, in which the skirt surrounds the dispensing member with a free annular space between them at the level of the vent.

13. (new): A fluid dispenser comprising:
a dispensing member;
a reservoir; and
a fixing member which fixes the dispensing member to an opening of the reservoir;
wherein the fixing member comprises a vent hole passing through a wall of the fixing member.

14. (new): A fluid dispenser according to claim 13, wherein the fixing member further comprises a skirt that engages the opening of the reservoir from an inside of the opening of the reservoir and the vent hole passes through the skirt.

15. (new): A fluid dispenser according to claim 14, wherein the skirt includes a top segment engaged in a leaktight fit with the opening and the vent hole is formed below the top segment.

16. (new): A fluid dispenser according to claim 14, wherein the skirt includes a bottom segment engaged in a leaktight fit with the opening and the vent hole is formed above the bottom segment.

17. (new): A fluid dispenser according to claim 14, wherein the skirt comprises a top segment engaged in a leaktight fit with the opening and a bottom segment engaged in a leaktight fit with the opening and wherein the vent hole is formed below the top segment and above the bottom segment.

18. (new): A fluid dispenser according to claim 14, wherein the skirt further comprises a bead engaged in a leaktight fit with the opening.

19. (new): A fluid dispenser according to claim 15, wherein the top segment comprises a vertical groove having an end which communicates with the vent hole when the top segment is fit with the opening.

20. (new): A fluid dispenser according to claim 14, wherein the vent hole is formed at a portion of the skirt that does not contact the reservoir.